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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill relative to transferring federal funds to the federal Covid-19 response fund [see House, No. 3827, amended] (for message, see House, No. 3902), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, June 17.

Covid-19,—
response fund.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Cronin of Easton and Doherty of Taunton) congratulating Matthew J. Merkle on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Matthew
Merkle.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) recognizing Colonel Martha M. Monroe for her contributions to the United States Air Force and Massachusetts' Hanscom Air Force Base;

Martha
Monroe.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Kathryn Flannery on the occasion of her retirement after a thirty-seven year career protecting Massachusetts workers;

Kathryn
Flannery.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Susan Hanly on her receiving the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's Unsung Heroine Award;

Susan
Hanly.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) honoring John Francis Herring on his thirty two years of dedicated service to public safety in the Commonwealth;

John
Herring.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) honoring Daniel Edward Halloran on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Daniel
Halloran.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Justin Tyler Winiker on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Justin
Winiker.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Soter of Bellingham) recognizing the seventy-sixth anniversary of the opening of the Uxbridge VFW Post 1385;

Uxbridge
VFW Post.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Report of the Committee on
Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure on
Executive Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2021.*

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2021 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXVII of the Amendments of the Constitution) reorganizing certain licensing agencies of the Executive Department (House, No. 3774) [For majority report, see Senate, No. 2476], — reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, recommending that said Reorganization Plan Number 1 “ought to be approved”.

Reorganization
Plan No. 1,—
Executive
Department
agencies.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being “Shall this reorganization plan be approved?”.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Christina Ruccio, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department.

Christina
Ruccio,—
sick leave.

By Representative O’Day of West Boylston and Senator Chandler, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O’Day and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Julie DeRosa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health.

Julie
DeRosa,—
sick leave.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter Hill relative to child-centered family law.

Family law.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the city of Gloucester to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (Senate, No. 2479) (on Senate bill, No. 34), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gloucester,—
special police.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to extending rebates for electric and zero emission vehicles. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Vehicles,—
zero
emissions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Susan Grebber relative to the transportation of certain animals. To the committee on Transportation.

Animals,—
transporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3852), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3903) [General Obligation Bonds: \$275,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Municipal roads
and bridges.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the city of Greenfield to lease a certain parcel of land (House, No. 2189, changed) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Greenfield,—
land.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton (House, No. 2202) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Northampton,—
charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Bruce Young, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (House, No. 3875), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Bruce
Young,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3754) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—
police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing Justin Brown to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3755) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—
Justin
Brown.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the positions of police chief and police captain in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (House, No. 3756) [Local Approval Received].

Leominster,—
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the fire department of the town of Lancaster (House, No. 3760) [Local Approval Received].

Lancaster,—
Maurice
Bateman.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the deputy fire chief of the town of Lancaster (House, No. 3761) [Local Approval Received].

Lancaster,—
Kevin Lamb.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing special police officers in the town of Natick to serve until the age of 70 (House, No. 3762) [Local Approval Received].

Natick,—
special
police.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.